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**THE CROSS-TIME CAPER™**

# EXCALIBUR™

**THE FINAL CHAPTER!**

**NOW ON SALE  
TWICE A MONTH!**

WHERE IS  
**PHOENIX™**??!



PHOENIX™  
**WHO?**

ALAN DAVIS



# TEMPTING FATES

OPAL-LUNA SATURNYNE...

OMNIVERSAL MASTREX.

COURTNEY ROSS...

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT,  
FRASER'S BANK.

EXCALIBUR--

--WE ARE  
NOT  
AMUSED!

TWO  
WOMEN.

AS UNLIKE  
EACH OTHER  
AS ARE THE  
WORLDS THEY  
INHABIT.

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY,  
KITTY!



YET, IN ALL  
THE WAYS THAT  
TRULY MATTER...

...THEY'RE ONE-  
AND-THE-SAME.

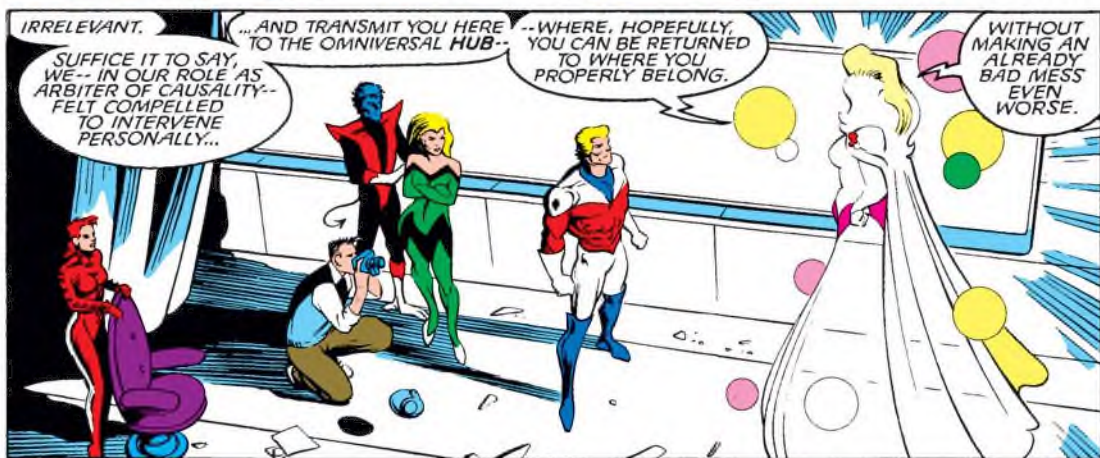
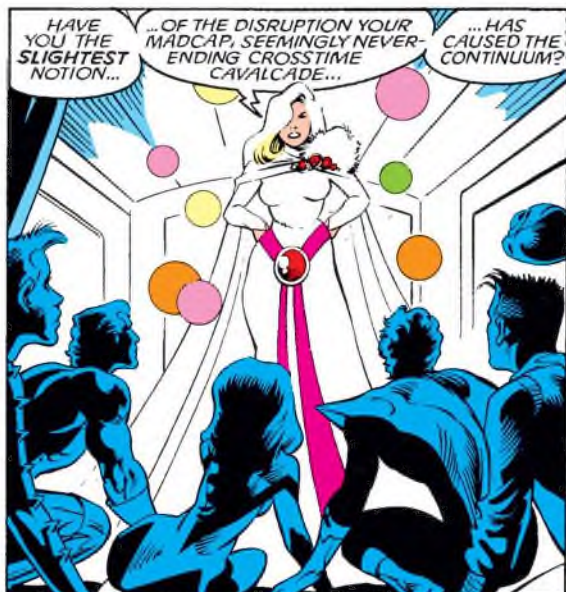
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LONDON, EXCALIBUR'S NATIVE EARTH...

I CONFESS IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO-- POSITIVELY THE DARK AGES--

-- BUT I DON'T REMEMBER REACTING SO WHEN I TURNED FIFTEEN.

YOU PROBABLY HAD FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CELEBRATE WITH.

Ahhh, SO THAT'S IT-- FEELING SORRY FOR OURSELVES, MS. PRYDE?

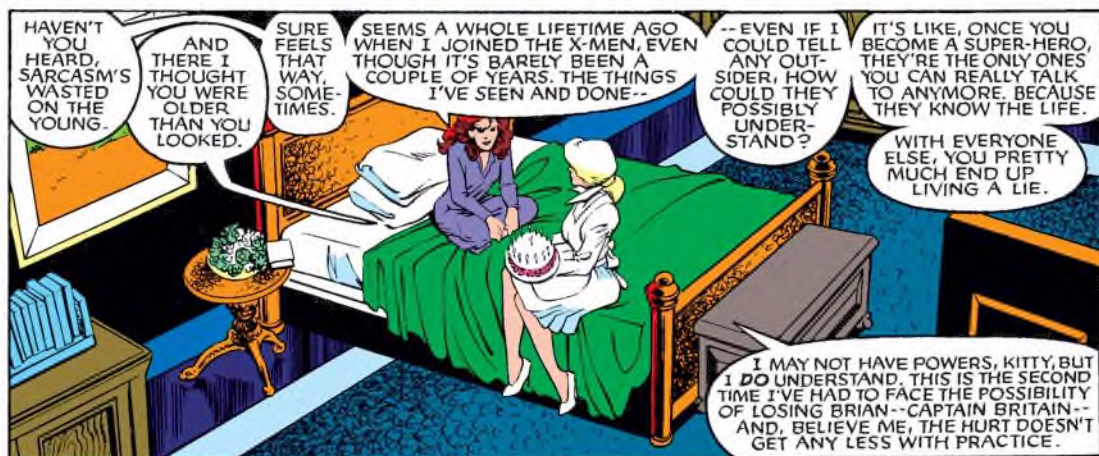


THAT'S NOT FAIR!

QUITE RIGHT, IT ISN'T.

YOU HAVE SUFFERED TERRIBLY.

FAR BETTER TO LET THIS BIRTHDAY SLIDE AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED FOR SWEET SIXTEEN, MAKE THAT THE BLOW-OUT TO REMEMBER.



HAVEN'T YOU HEARD, SARCASM'S WASTED ON THE YOUNG.

AND THERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE OLDER THAN YOU LOOKED.

SURE FEELS THAT WAY, SOMETIMES.

SEEMS A WHOLE LIFETIME AGO WHEN I JOINED THE X-MEN, EVEN THOUGH IT'S BARELY BEEN A COUPLE OF YEARS. THE THINGS I'VE SEEN AND DONE--

--EVEN IF I COULD TELL ANY OUTSIDER, HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND?

IT'S LIKE, ONCE YOU BECOME A SUPER-HERO, THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES YOU CAN REALLY TALK TO ANYMORE, BECAUSE THEY KNOW THE LIFE.

WITH EVERYONE ELSE, YOU PRETTY MUCH END UP LIVING A LIE.

I MAY NOT HAVE POWERS, KITTY, BUT I DO UNDERSTAND. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE HAD TO FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING BRIAN--CAPTAIN BRITAIN-- AND, BELIEVE ME, THE HURT DOESN'T GET ANY LESS WITH PRACTICE.



SO-- THERE'S NO NEED FOR LIES BETWEEN US, OKAY?

OKAY.

BUT I'M AFRAID I HAVEN'T A CLUE ABOUT WHAT TO DO WITH TODAY.



ACTUALLY, I HAVE A FEW IDEAS.

IF YOU'RE WILLING.

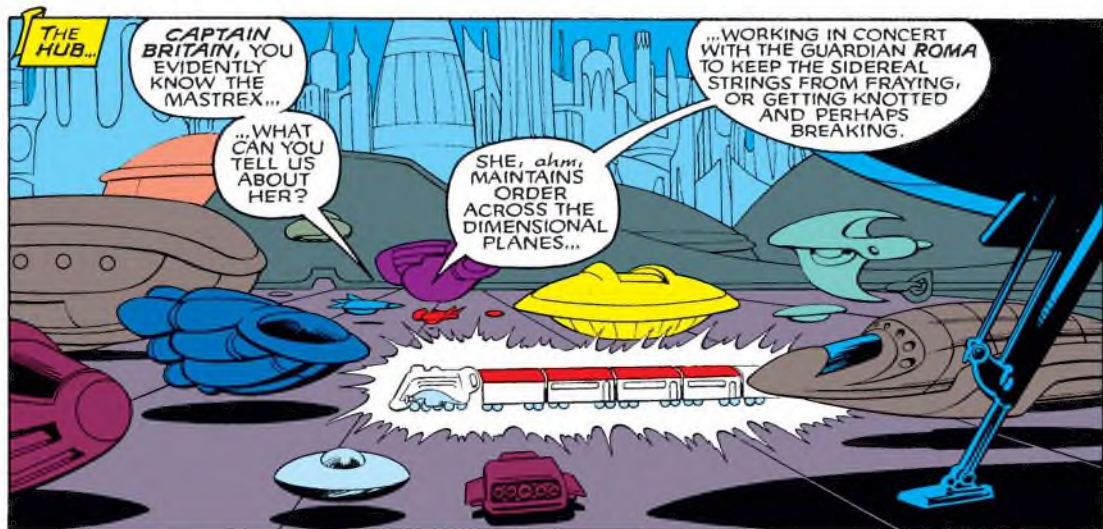


LEAD ON, COURTNEY, I'M ALL YOURS.

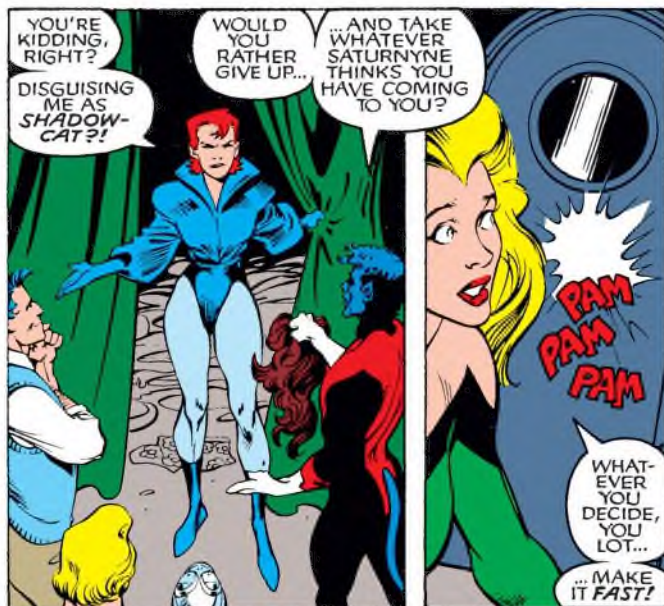


I'M SO GLAD.

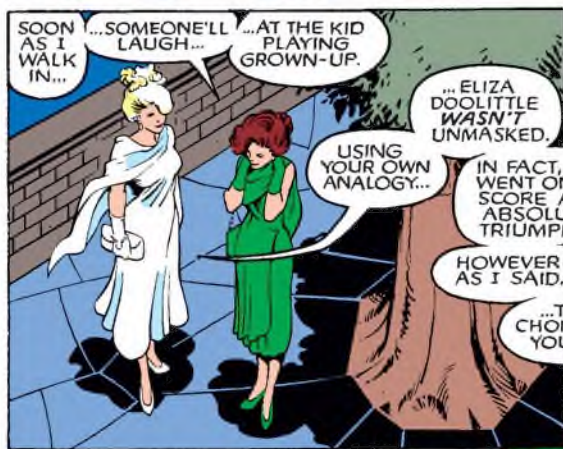












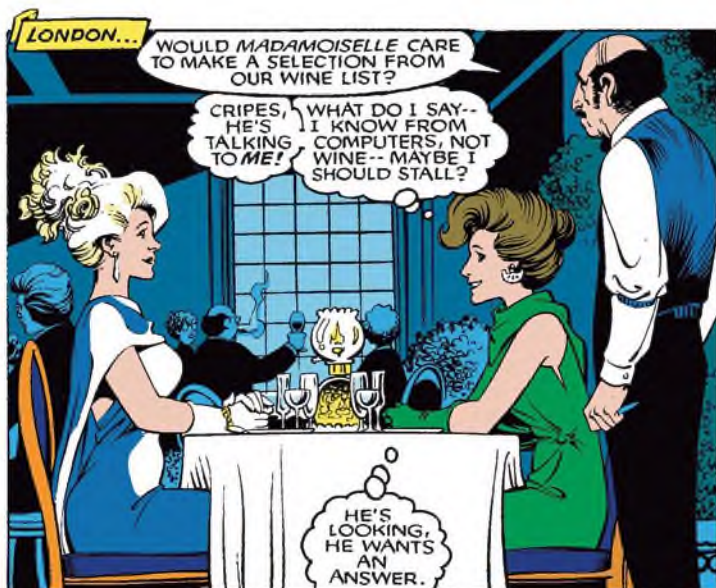








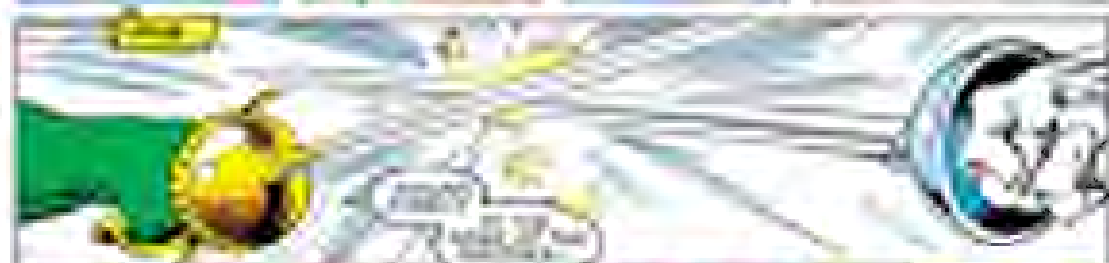




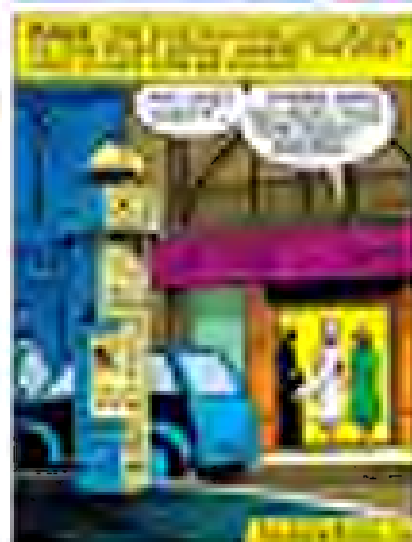
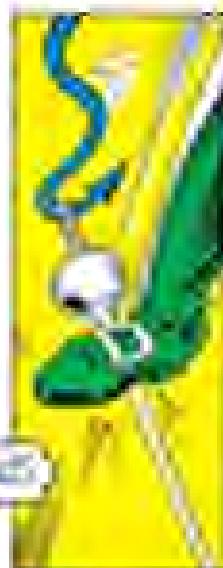
































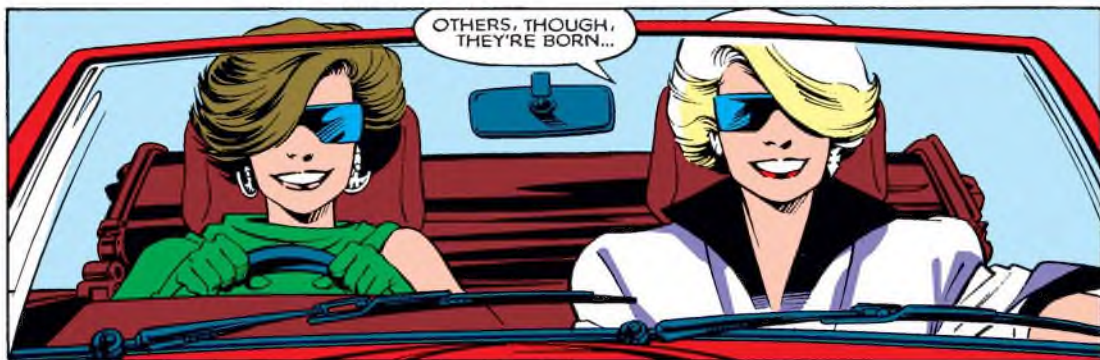
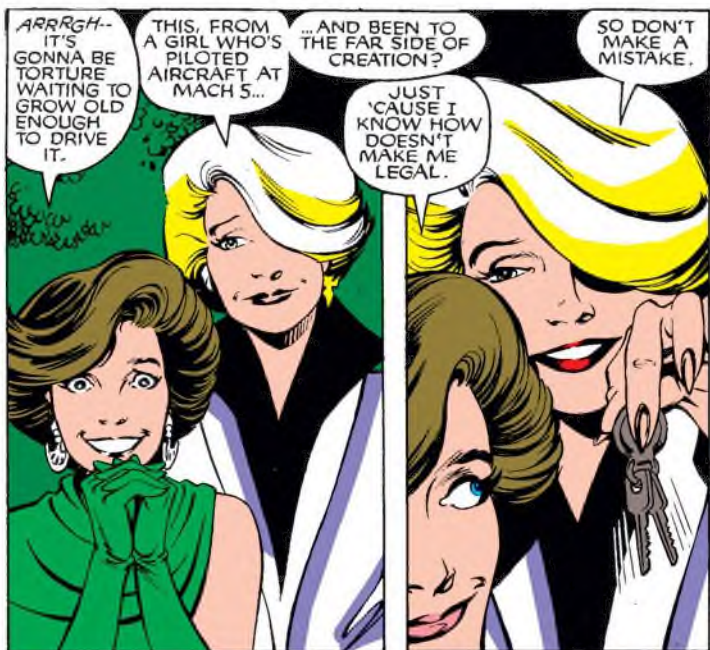








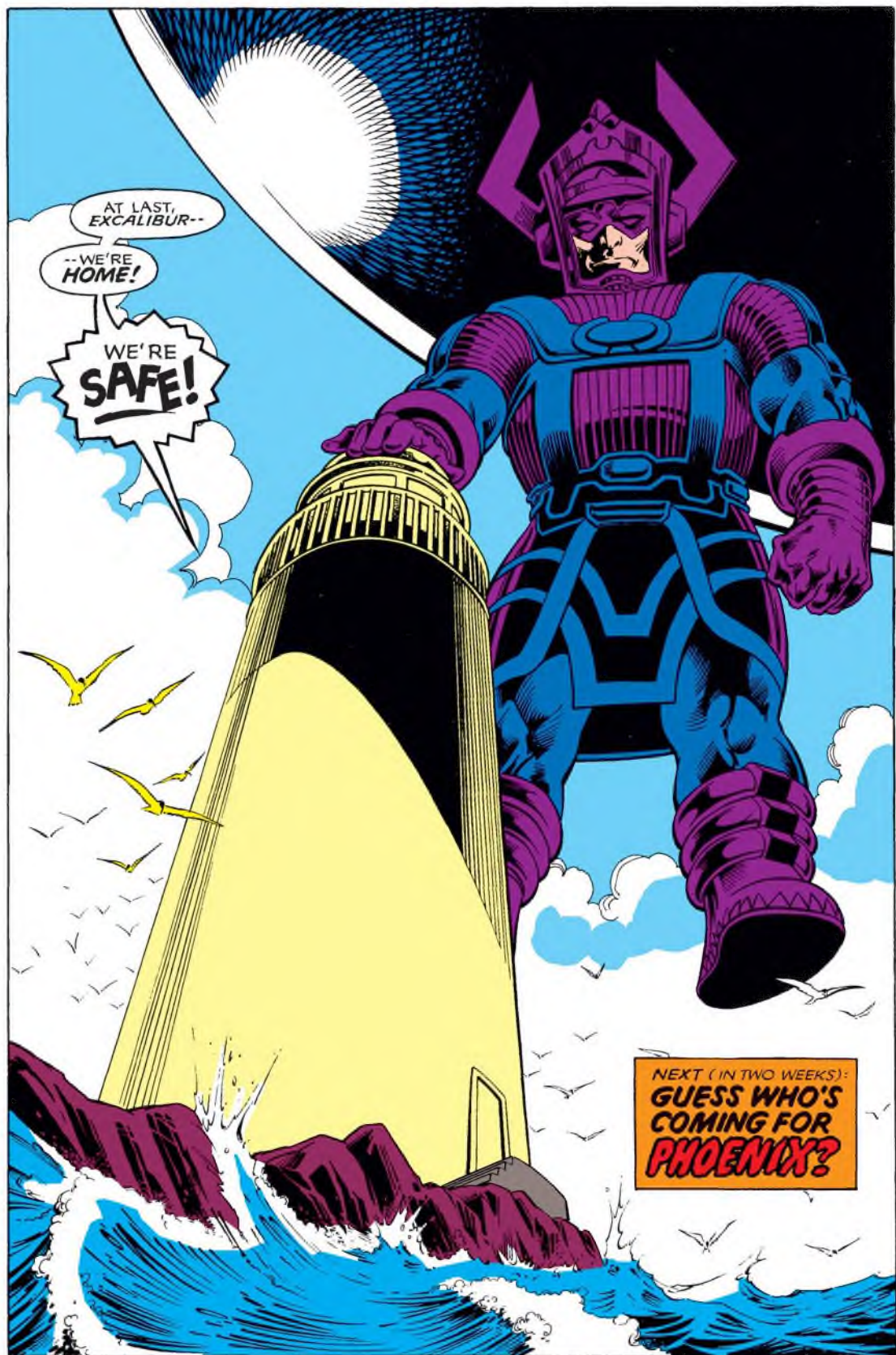












AT LAST,  
EXCALIBUR--

--WE'RE  
**HOME!**

WE'RE  
**SAFE!**

NEXT (IN TWO WEEKS):  
**GUESS WHO'S  
COMING FOR  
PHOENIX?**